

~~SECRET~~

C/NIC Chrono

NIC # 2927-85  
3 July 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: David B. Low  
National Intelligence Officer at Large

FROM : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT : Attached Memos Regarding Inappropriate State  
Department Use of Intelligence Information

1. I talked with Mort Abramowitz today, bringing to his attention the contents of your memo of 24 June and also Pat's memo of 26 June. I told Mort that I didn't want to get into a bureaucratic row with exchanges of memos and defensive reactions but rather wanted to get at the real problem -- an apparent insensitivity on the part of INR and PM to the need to protect sources and methods and a cavalier attitude toward clearance procedures. (S)

2. I described to him the contents of both memos, including names, and asked him to take a very tough line with those who were involved. I said that while the milk had already been spilled in these two instances, the problem remains and that he should bring those involved up short on their behavior. (S)

3. Mort was, I think, genuinely dismayed by what I described to him and promised to make an issue of the matter with his people. I assured him that we were willing and able to clear material quickly and with a view toward making it as useful as possible but that the sources just had to be protected. He acknowledged that. We agreed that they would observe the rules and if there were any problems, he could call me directly. (S)

RG

Robert M. Gates

cc: C/ACIS

C/NIC/RMGates, 

## DISTRIBUTION:

- 0 - Addressee, w/incoming
- 1 - C/ACIS
- 1 - DDI Registry
- 1 - NIC Chrono

25X1

~~SECRET~~Cl By Signer  
DECL OADR